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Elizabeth II, Queen of Britain, Dies at 96; Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom, has died at the age of 96, Buckingham Palace officials announced Thursday evening, September 8. The announcement comes after the Queen's doctors said earlier Thursday they "are concerned for Her Majesty's health and have recommended she remains under medical supervision," a notice from Buckingham Palace said. Hours later, members of the royal family flew to Aberdeen, continuing on to the Queen at Balmoral Castle. On Tuesday, September 6, amid concerns for the Queen's condition, British officials arranged for Boris Johnson's resignation as prime minister, and Liz Truss' appointment as his successor, to take place at the Queen's residence in the Scottish Highlands, Balmoral – the first time the Scottish castle has been used for a transition of power in the British government. A day later, the Queen postponed a meeting with senior government officials, after her doctor advised her to take it easy and rest. The longest-lived and longest reigning monarch in British history, Elizabeth II reigned for 70 years, from February 1952 until her death. Queen Elizabeth is also the second longest reigning sovereign monarch in recorded history, with a reign less than two years shorter than that of France's King Louis XIV. At 73, prior to his mother's passing, King Charles was the oldest heir apparent in British history, and was the first in line to the throne since 1958, making him the longest-serving Prince of Wales ever. With Queen Elizabeth's death, Prince Charles became king immediately, even before the formal coronation ceremony.

King Charles III Promises 'Lifelong Service' in First Address as Monarch; King Charles III on Friday, September 9, addressed the nations for the first time as monarch, having immediately become King the previous day, with the passing of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. "Throughout her life, Her Majesty The Queen - my beloved Mother - was an inspiration and example to me and to all my family, and we owe her the most heartfelt debt any family can owe to their mother," he said. "Queen Elizabeth was a life well lived; a promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today," added the King. "I pay tribute to my mother's memory...I know her death brings great sadness to so many of you, and I share that sense of loss, beyond measure, with you all." The King pledged to uphold the "constitutional principles at the heart of our nation" as the Queen did "with

such unswerving devotion”. He said the “affection, admiration and respect” the Queen inspired “became the hallmark of her reign”, adding, “As every member of my family can testify, she combined these qualities with warmth, humor and an unerring ability always to see the best in people.” The King said his life “will of course change” as he takes up his new responsibilities as monarch, announcing that his son and heir, Prince William, succeeds him as Duke of Cornwall. “Today, I am proud to create him Prince of Wales, Tywysog Cymru, the country whose title I have been so greatly privileged to bear during so much of my life and duty,” he added.

Israeli Leaders Eulogize Britain's 'Matriarch'; Israeli leaders offered their condolences to the British royal family Thursday, September 8, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. "Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was known far and wide simply as The Queen," President Isaac Herzog said in a statement Thursday night. "Her passing is the end of an era. Together with the Israeli people, I grieve her loss and extend my deepest sympathies to the British people and all nations of the Commonwealth, who have lost their matriarch." "Queen Elizabeth was a historic figure: she lived history, she made history, and with her passing, she leaves a magnificent, inspirational legacy." "As the eleventh President of the State of Israel during Her Majesty's long reign, and on behalf of the whole State and people of Israel, I express my condolences to the Royal Family, to the King and the Queen Consort, to the people of the United Kingdom, and to all nations of the Commonwealth." "Throughout her long and momentous reign, the world changed dramatically, while the Queen remained an icon of stable, responsible leadership, and a beacon of morality, humanity, and patriotism. In her life and in her service to her people, the Queen embodied a spirit of integrity, duty, and ancient tradition." "My late mother and father had several audiences with the Queen over the years. Her fond welcome and warm hospitality left a profound impression down the generations." Prime Minister Yair Lapid tweeted: "On behalf of the Government and people of Israel, I send my condolences to the Royal Family and the people of the United Kingdom on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She leaves behind an unparalleled legacy of leadership and service. May her memory be for a blessing." Alternate Prime Minister and former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett lauded Queen Elizabeth II as a “caring and thoughtful leader”. “My thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family, friends, and the people of the United Kingdom as they mourn the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,” Bennett said. “For the past 70 years, Her Majesty has served as a figure of dignity, honor, and stability for her country and for the world. The people of Israel are grateful for Her Majesty’s service and hope she may rest in peace.” “She served her people throughout her days and will be remembered forever as a caring and thoughtful leader.” Transportation Minister and Labor Party chairwoman Merav Michaeli called the Queen a “larger than life” figure. “Condolences to the Royal Family and the peoples of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a woman larger than life who exemplified leadership and responsibility to her people and to her country. The unique relationship between the State of Israel and the United Kingdom and the Royal Family's personal connections to our country will continue to strengthen and flourish in the reign of King Charles III.”

Jewish Organizations Pay Tribute to Queen Elizabeth II; Jewish organizations on Thursday, September 8, paid tribute to Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away at the age of 96. World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder said, “The World Jewish Congress and its more than 100 Jewish communities across the globe join the nation and people of the United Kingdom, and British Jewry in mourning the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, during whose 70-year reign Jewish communities in Great Britain, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and across the Commonwealth have flourished and grown in peace and security. Queen Elizabeth’s was a life of service and faith, in which love of country, Commonwealth, God, and family was the supreme value.” “She and her family were beloved symbols of resistance to Nazi tyranny, refusing to leave London during the worst times of the Blitz and standing in solidarity under siege with their compatriots.” “On behalf of Jewish communities across the globe, I

extend our deepest condolences to her family, and to the nation and people of the United Kingdom. May her memory and her example be for a blessing," he concluded. Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, President of the Conference of European Rabbis (CER), stated, "Together, Chief Rabbi Mirvis and the UK Jewish community, the Conference of the European Rabbis, its President Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, and the chairman of its Standing Committee Dayan Menachem Gelley join mourning the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Her dignified, devoted leadership will endure as an exemplary model for all. May her family find comfort."

WJC Head Lauder: Queen Elizabeth Was Symbol of Resistance Against Nazis; Following the passing of the UK's Queen Elizabeth II, The World Jewish Congress expressed its condolences over her death. She has been, according to WJC President Ronald S. Lauder, a source of both inspiration and comfort to many throughout her entire life, from Anne Frank in her hiding place in Amsterdam, to just a few years ago in 2015, when she and her late husband Prince Philip "visited the former Nazi concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen in northern Germany, where Anne Frank died, to commemorate its liberation by British troops." Anne received a postcard with a photograph of the 10-year-old Princess Elizabeth from her aunt in May 1937. She later put it on the wall of her hiding place in the annex and wrote in her diary about Elizabeth when the future queen celebrated her 18th birthday in June 1944, two months before Anne's hiding place was revealed. "Queen Elizabeth's refusal to flinch in the face of evil, but instead to fight it with every formidable fiber of her character will be an inspiration for generations to come," Lauder said.

Rev. Franklin Graham Reacts to Queen Elizabeth's Passing: 'True Friend of Christian Faith'; Rev. Franklin Graham, the president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan's Purse as well, shared the following reaction to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. "I am deeply saddened to hear about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II," said Rev. Graham in an emailed message to a media outlet on Thursday afternoon, September 8. "She has been a symbol of stability and steadfastness for the United Kingdom for 70 years," he also said. "And I'm asking people to join me in praying for the royal family and the people of the U.K." Rev. Franklin Graham added, "I will always appreciate her example of leadership and her life of integrity." He said as well, "I'm especially grateful for the Queen's friendship with my father Billy Graham. He cherished their friendship that was built on a shared love for Jesus Christ and belief in God's Word." Rev. Graham added, "My father had the privilege of meeting with the Queen more than a dozen times, and she was a gracious host, inviting my parents to visit Buckingham Palace on several occasions." "My father said he found Queen Elizabeth 'to be a woman of rare modesty and character,' and made a pledge to pray for her and her family every day."

Tory Peer Expresses Regret Queen Never Had Chance to Visit Israel; Conservative Friends of Israel honorary president Lord Polak delivered a heartfelt tribute to the Queen during a speech in the House of Lords in which he expressed regret that she was never able to visit Israel. The Tory peer recited parts of both the Prayer for The Royal Family and Psalm 116 in Hebrew as he spoke on Friday, September 9, as tributes were made to Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in both Houses. Lord Polak revealed he had once discussed with Princess Anne how the Royal Family were "prohibited from visiting Israel by the Foreign Office." He recalled that on June 26, 2016, he was at a fundraising event at the Princess Royal's home. During a conversation with the royal host, Lord Polak said: "We agreed that as someone who was deeply religious and God-fearing it was sad, it is sad, that she never walked down the Via Dolorosa into the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. She never visited the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem or the tranquil peace of the Sea of Galilee." Earlier, Lord Polak had said, "on an occasion like today, I think we miss the Lord Sacks who would have known exactly what to say." He then told the Lords that "one prayer" will be said in English at synagogues tomorrow. Lord Polak read out last Shabbat's version with the late Her Majesty's name in it and revealed it would now change to His Majesty.

Standing Next to an F-35 Fighter Jet, Lapid Issues Warning to Iran: ‘Don’t Test Us’; Prime Minister Yair Lapid said Tuesday, September 6, it was too soon to know if Israel had succeeded in thwarting the emerging nuclear agreement between world powers and Iran, which it sees as harmful. Lapid, who was on a visit to the Nevatim airbase in southern Israel, which houses the Israeli Air Force’s fleet of advanced F-35 fighter jets, also issued a warning to Iran. “It is still too early to know if we have indeed succeeded in stopping the nuclear agreement, but Israel is prepared for every threat and every scenario,” Lapid said in a brief statement in front of an F-35. “If Iran continues to test us, it will discover Israel’s long arm and capabilities. We will continue to act on all fronts against terrorism and against those who seek to harm us,” he said. “As US President Joe Biden and I agreed, Israel has full freedom to act as we see fit to prevent the possibility of Iran becoming a nuclear threat,” Lapid added.

Germany: President Herzog Visits the Concentration Camp His Father Helped Liberate; President Isaac Herzog visited the site of the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp on Tuesday, September 6, accompanied by German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier and the Minister-President of Saxony, Michael Kretschmer. At the start of their visit, President Herzog and President Steinmeier laid a wreath at the memorial, after which the presidents walked to the Jewish memorial, originally erected by the camp’s survivors after the war. President Herzog recited the Kaddish prayer in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, like his father, the Sixth President of Israel, Chaim Herzog, who visited Bergen-Belsen during his state visit to Germany in 1987, as the first Israeli head of state to visit there. On 15 April 1945, near the end of the Second World War, British forces liberated the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp from the Nazis. Chaim Herzog, then a British Army officer, participated in the liberation efforts. President Isaac Herzog said: “When the camp was liberated, a military convoy rolled into the site headed by an officer, who stood on a wooden crate and shouted in Yiddish, in front of hundreds of people, hundreds of human skeletons: ‘Yidden! Yidden! Es leben noch Yidden!’ In English: ‘Jews! There are still living Jews!’ There are still Jews in the world! That Jewish officer was my father, Chaim Herzog, of blessed memory, later President of Israel.”

New UK PM Truss Is a True Friend of Israel, Lapid Says; The United Kingdom’s new Prime Minister Liz Truss is a friend of Israel, Prime Minister Yair Lapid said after her victory was announced on Monday, September 5. “I congratulate my new friend, a true friend of Israel Liz Truss, who was elected prime minister of Great Britain,” Lapid said. The UK and Israel are united by a shared “commitment to freedom and a joint vision for a better future,” the prime minister said. “I expect to continue working together for our countries and for our security.” Lapid and Truss have built a good working relationship since they overlapped as their countries’ foreign ministers, signing a strategic plan involving cybersecurity and other technological cooperation, as well as trade and defense. While the UK’s policy is to support negotiations with Iran toward a nuclear deal, sources close to Lapid have said that Truss, as foreign secretary, has shown an understanding of the threat that Tehran poses to the Jewish state and is closer to Israel’s view on Iran’s prevarications in the talks.

In First, IDF Appoints Woman to Command Search and Rescue Battalion; The Israel Defense Forces on Sunday, September 4, appointed a female officer to command a Home Front Command search and rescue unit for the first time. Lt. Col. Yarden Shukron Yifrah, a mother of three, will command the 498th Shahar (Dawn) Battalion, tasked with rescuing civilians in events such as rocket attacks, earthquakes, and other serious incidents and disasters. According to the IDF, the battalion had foiled at least five terror attacks against civilians in recent months. During the round of fighting against the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terror group in the Gaza Strip last month, the battalion was stationed in the southern city of Sderot to assist the local population amid rocket attacks. Recent years have seen a growing number of women enter combat units and other roles previously held exclusively by men. In June 2022, IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kohavi nominated the military’s first female combat brigade commander, Col.

Reut Rettig-Weiss. In May, the military said women would be allowed to serve in elite helicopter-borne search and rescue outfit Unit 669 for the first time. The IDF also recently nominated a female officer to head one of the military's light infantry battalions, and another to command a battalion in the air defense array, both for the first time.

Turkish Warship Docks in Haifa for First Time in Over a Decade; A Turkish warship anchored in Haifa Port on Saturday, September 3, for the first time in more than a decade, as part of a NATO patrol in the region. The TCG Kemalreis (F-247), a Barbaros-class frigate, docked in the northern port along with the USS Forrest Sherman, an American guided-missile destroyer. "The docking is part of Israel's cooperation with and support of NATO," the IDF said. The Kemalreis, one of the most advanced ships in the Turkish Navy, is the first warship to dock in Israel since 2010, after Ankara broke off relations with the Jewish state following the Mavi Marmara incident, causing an unprecedented diplomatic crisis between the then-allies. Ankara and Jerusalem for years had close ties in the defense industry, including in security cooperation, intelligence sharing, and military training. The relationship began in the 1960s and peaked in the 1990s with the 1994 Defense Cooperation Agreement and the 1996 Military Training Cooperation Agreement.

Israeli Transport Officials Predict 'Ultimate Traffic Disaster' in 5 Years; Israel's Transportation Ministry inaugurated a new entrance to Jerusalem, Highway 16, which is supposed to help serve 40% of the commuters entering the city every day. The new road, named after the late prime minister Ariel Sharon, cost nearly one billion shekels (nearly \$300 million), and opened last week, one year ahead of schedule. "The new road is great news for Jerusalem," said Transportation Minister Merav Michaeli. "But we need to face the truth: The real solution to transportation is more complicated, and includes investments in public transportation." A new bus line between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv will start running soon using the new highway, a response to some of the criticism about the lack of investment in public transportation in the area. "The new road is a brilliant solution. Sure, I have some criticism regarding delays in building the intersections connecting it to the city center, but it's still an unusually efficient solution to entering Jerusalem," Nissim Peretz, CEO of Israel's National Transport Infrastructure Company, told media. "It definitely should be supported by public transportation, but in the suitable places. Light rail, bike lanes, public transportation lanes are all necessary – but inside the city," he added.

First Temple Period Elephant-tusk Ivories Unearthed in Jerusalem; Elephant-tusk ivory plaques from the First Temple period (7th-8th BCE) were discovered in Jerusalem for the first time in an unlikely location: a parking lot. Archaeologists think the plaques were found in a building devastated by a fire that occurred during the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BCE. The dig, jointly conducted by the Antiquities Authority (IAA) and Tel Aviv University, involved excavations in the Givati parking lot in the Jerusalem Walls National Park. The excavation was funded by the City of David Foundation. The decorations on some of the ivories consist of frames incised with rosettes, in the center of which is a stylized tree, both of which were popular symbols in Mesopotamia, according to Dr. Ido Koch and Reli Avisar from Tel Aviv University. Others were adorned with lotus flowers and a geometric pattern. The plaques found in Jerusalem are rarely found anywhere in the world. Ivory was one of the most costly raw materials in the ancient world, believed by scholars to have been used in residential buildings. The archaeologists believe that the inlaid ivories were used by the residents of the building with the wooden furnishings. The residents are believed to have been people of influence and power, which means that they may have been government officials or priests. This assumption is based on various biblical references, in which ivory is consistently associated with royalty or wealth.

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